

History Graduate Programme Newsletter

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History Grows at Last:

As reported in the last Newsletter, the Department has received permission to add two tenure track positions beginning in 1988/9. At its meeting of 13th November, the Department decided that these positions should be defined as follows: (1) Canadian History with a second field in U.S. Colonial and (2) Women's History with a concentration in European. These positions have now been advertised and applicants will be assessed in the early weeks of the New Year.

Deadlines Fast Upon Us:

- 15 January - Applications for Spring Graduation must be filed in the Graduate Studies Office.
- 1 February - Applications for the Concordia MA and PhD Fellowships are due in the History Office.
- 31 March - Applications for Departmental Teaching Assistantships are due in the History Office.
- 31 July - Last Day for converting In Progress ('I.P.') grades to real grades for courses begun in September, 1987. (I.P.s unconverted as of this day automatically become grades of 'F').

A Chance to Deliver a Paper:

Alliance Quebec and the Concordia History Department are co-sponsoring a Conference on Minority Experiences in Quebec, to be held at Concordia on April 29, 1988. Papers are solicited on virtually any aspect of the Quebec Minority experience. Abstracts of proposed papers should be submitted to Dr. Vered Amit Talai, Research Director, Alliance Quebec, 1411 Crescent Street, suite 501, Montreal, Quebec, H3G 2B3 by January 29th, 1988. See Graeme Decarie for further information. This seems an excellent opportunity for a graduate student to deliver a scholarly paper without incurring travel expenses.

Work for 'The Register':

The Register, Canada's national graduate students' History journal, edited here at Concordia by Anne ('watch that spelling!') MacLennan (PhD cand., Canadian) and Mike Duckett (MA, Can.) needs book reviewers, copy editors (In French and English) and writers. Those interested should leave a note for Anne or Mike in the History office at Sir George.

Teaching Skills Workshops:

In response to student request, the Graduate Programme Director will be offering a programme of workshops on teaching skills on the third Tuesday of each month. These are designed for Teaching Assistants but are open to all graduate students or faculty who may wish to attend. All workshops will be held in the Loyola Campus History Seminar Room at 3PM. The schedule is as follows:

- 19 January, 'Dynamics of the Discussion Group'
- 16 February, 'The Preparation of Lectures'
- 15 March 'The Techniques of Grading'.

Student Affairs:

Congratulations to Jean MacDonald (MA, Can.) who joins the ranks of departmental Teaching Assistants this term. Dorothy Williams (MA, Can.), whose monograph on the Montreal Black Community was published in 1987, was quoted in the New York Sunday Times of December 11th as an authority on her subject. Dolores Chew (MA, Asian) has reviewed The Flaming Fields of Bihar for Labour, Capital and Society, vol. 20, no. 1 (April, 1987) and compiled a 25 page 'Bibliography on Unemployment' in the Third World in the same issue. Minko Sotiron (PhD, Can.) has had a paper proposal accepted for the Canadian Historical Association's June 1988 meeting in Windsor.

Faculty Frolics:

Graeme Decarie was a guest speaker at Acadia University's 150th Anniversary celebrations in November, participated in a public debate to mark the 150th Anniversary of the Rebellion of 1837 sponsored by Alliance Quebec on November 13th, and delivered a talk on 'The History of Racism in Canada' in a conference on the Japanese Canadian Experience held at McGill on December 1st and 3rd.

Frank Chalk and Kurt Jonassohn (Sociology) await the publication of their entry in the forthcoming Encyclopedia and Bibliography of Genocide, and have accepted invitations to deliver papers in St. Louis and Oxford in the months ahead. Geoff Adams has received a research grant from Wood Gundy for further research on religious minorities in Enlightenment France, and Joan Sherwood has received a travel grant from the Hannah Institute for the History of Medicine to study medical attitudes toward the newborn in the late 18th century.

The Newsletter:

This Newsletter comes out roughly every four weeks during the academic year. It is compiled by the Graduate Programme Director, Robert Tittler, typed by Sandra Hurst and distributed by Donna Whittaker. News, questions, complaints and offers of production assistance will be welcomed by the Editor.